

Dear Esteemed Members of the Human Services Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Pedro Sarango. I live in New Haven, CT.

I support H.B. 6616: AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS because it would be a great help for us and our community. My son was born here, and so is able to access HUSKY, and thank God that I was able to find the HAVEN Free Clinic where they have held my hand and otherwise minimized the barriers I and my community of New Haven face through the goodness of their hearts — because of this, my last surgery was also attended well.

However, I was in despair with the amount I was charged of \$80,000. Fortunately, people at HAVEN told me I could apply to get the costs covered.

I would like for young people who don't have legal papers here to have the opportunity for health insurance because they won't be able to qualify when they get older. For me, and other fathers, it would be convenient, since the cost of health services here is so expensive.

Thank you for your time,  
Pedro Sarango